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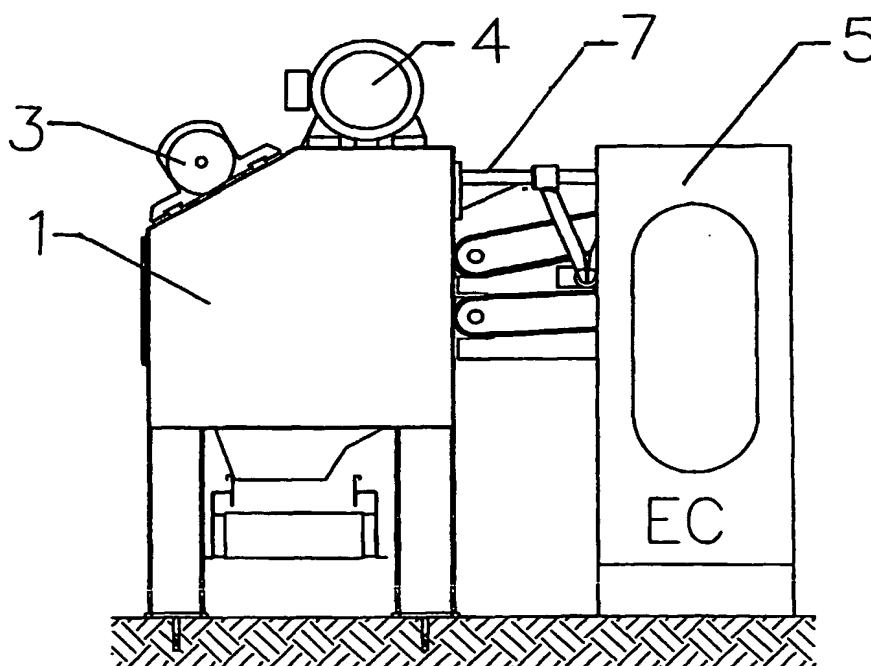
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a cutting machine for organic plant materials, especially for tobacco, which comprises a cutting head mounted inside a main frame, and a feeding-compacting arrangement frame forming a stream of the fed material, comprising transporters feeding the material into a cutting zone, and means for compacting and/or polarizing relative distribution of fed particles. The cutterhead (2) of the cutting machine is mounted in a stationary main frame (1) fixed preferably to the floor, and the feeding-compacting arrangement frame (5) is moved along the horizontal guides (7). The cutting head (2) is a cutterhead with the main axis of rotation being horizontal.

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